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For : WINDSHIELD WIPER DRIVE MECHANISM

SIMULTANEOUS AMENDMENT

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S I R S:

Simultaneously with filing of the above identified application
please amend the same as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel all claims without prejudice.

Substitute the claims attached hereto.


REMARKS:

This Amendment is submitted simultaneously with filing of the above identified
application.

With the present Amendment applicant has amended the claims so as to eliminate
their multiple dependency.

Consideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Claims

1. A windshield wiper drive mechanism, having a
pivotably supported drive shaft, a drive rocker (10) solidly
connected to it, a coupling rocker (14) that is connected to
the drive rocker by a drive joint (16), a support rocker (18)
that is connected to the coupling rocker (14) by a support
joint (20) and is supported by a blind joint (22), a
windshield wiper arm (26), which is connected to the coupling
rocker by a joint (28), a contact-pressure spring (30) that
acts upon the windshield wiper arm relative to the coupling
rocker, and a compensation joint (24) that is disposed on one
of the rockers, characterized in that a compensation spring
(34) is provided on the compensation joint.

2. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1,
characterized in that the drive joint (16) is a ball joint;
that the blind joint (22) and the support joint (20) are each
a pivot joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the
compensation spring (34) are mounted on the coupling rocker
(14).

3. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1,
characterized in that the drive joint (16) is a ball joint;
that the blind joint (22) and the support joint (20) are a
pivot joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the
compensation spring (34) are mounted on the drive rocker
(10).

4. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1,
characterized in that the drive joint (16) and the blind
joint (22) are a pivot joint; that the support joint (20) is
a ball joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the

Claims

1. A windshield wiper drive mechanism, having a pivotably supported drive shaft, a drive rocker (10) solidly connected to it, a coupling rocker (14) that is connected to the drive rocker by a drive joint (16), a support rocker (18) that is connected to the coupling rocker (14) by a support joint (20) and is supported by a blind joint (22), a windshield wiper arm (26), which is connected to the coupling rocker by a joint (28), a contact-pressure spring (30) that acts upon the windshield wiper arm relative to the coupling rocker, and a compensation joint (24) that is disposed on one of the rockers, characterized in that a compensation spring (34) is provided on the compensation joint.

2. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1, characterized in that the drive joint (16) is a ball joint; that the blind joint (22) and the support joint (20) are each a pivot joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the compensation spring (34) are mounted on the coupling rocker (14).

3. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1, characterized in that the drive joint (16) is a ball joint; that the blind joint (22) and the support joint (20) are a pivot joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the compensation spring (34) are mounted on the drive rocker (10).

4. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1, characterized in that the drive joint (16) and the blind joint (22) are a pivot joint; that the support joint (20) is a ball joint; and that the compensation joint (24) and the

compensation spring (34) are mounted on the support rocker (18).

5 5. The windshield wiper drive mechanism of claim 1, characterized in that the cd (34) is a tension spring.

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